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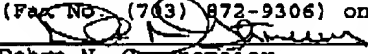
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT : George Jackowski et al
INVENTION : DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF EARLY
PRE-TYPE-1 DIABETES UTILIZING
GLIAL FIBRILLARY ACIDIC PROTEIN
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF October 23, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2003 having
a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November
23, 2003, extended to April 23, 2004, kindly amend the above-
entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.